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SUBJECT: AMMUNITION FOR F-5 S

REF: A. JIDDA 1450; B. TEHRAN 2116; C. STATE 064812

1. WHILE WE FULLY APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES OF EMBASSY JIDDA IN DEALING WITH SAUDI SENSITIVITIES AND PRIDE WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FOLLOWING TWO FACTORS IN DECIDING HOW GOI IS TO BE APPROACHED RE SAG AMMO NEEDS:
(1) IRANIANS HAVE STRONG PREFERENCE FOR DIRECT DEALINGS WITH NEIGHBORS ON SECURITY MATTERS. INCREASINGLY WE AWARE IRAN IS DEALING WITH REGIONAL STATES WITHOUT CONSULTING US IN ADVANCE AND WE SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS.
(2) A CENTRAL US OBJECTIVE IN THIS AREA IS TO PROMOTE REGIONAL COOPERATION. WE CANNOT DO THIS IN SAUDI- IRANIAN FRAMEWORK, IF THEY ARE NOT EVEN ENCOURAGED TO TALK TO EACH OTHER.

2. IF IT IS DECIDED THAT IRANIAN AMMO IS REQUIRED, WE
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COULD AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL MENTION SAUDI NEEDS IN GENERAL
TERMS AND INQUIRE WHETHER SAG REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE
WELCOME TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TRANSFER. EMBASSY JIDDA
COULD THEN CONVEY GOI RESPONSE AND LEAVE BALL IN SAUDI
COURT. ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE URGENCY OF
SAUDI REQUIREMENTS, WE HOPE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO
POSE ALTERNATIVE TO SAG OF WAITING FOR PROCUREMENT
FROM USG SOURCES IF DIRECT DEALINGS WITH IRAN ARE
REJECTED.
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